

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A composite damping element ~~capable of replacing~~ rubber-metal damping composites, said composite damping element comprising:

(i) a molding comprising thermoplastic polyurethanes and having a thickness of from 2 to 10 mm, wherein said molding comprises the reaction product of (a) isocyanates with (b) isocyanate reactive compounds ~~in a ratio of isocyanate groups in (a) to isocyanate reactive groups in (b) of greater than 1.06:1~~, said molding bonded to

(ii) a second layer comprising microcellular polyurethane elastomers having a density of from 300 to 700 kg/m³, a tensile strength to DIN 53571 of from 3 to 8 N/mm², an elongation at break to DIN 53571 of from 350 to 550%, a tear propagation resistance to DIN 53515 of from 8 to 30 N/mm, and a rebound resilience to DIN 53512 of from 50 to 60%,

~~wherein said composite damping element is adapted to be received in one of a~~ transverse link ~~bearing~~, a rear-axle subframe ~~bearing~~, a stabilizer ~~bearing~~, a longitudinal link ~~bearing~~, a spring-strut support ~~bearing~~, a shock-absorber ~~bearing~~, and a ~~bearing for triangular link~~ link[[s]] and said molding supporting said second layer relative to said one of said transverse link, said rear-axle subframe, said stabilizer, said longitudinal link, said spring-strut support, said shock-absorber, and said triangular link.

Claims 2-18 (Cancelled).

19. (Currently Amended) A composite damping element received in one of a transverse link, a longitudinal link, a triangular link, a rear-axle subframe, a stabilizer, a spring-

strut support, and a shock-absorber capable of replacing rubber-metal damping composites, said composite damping element comprising:

i) a thermoplastic polyurethane molding having a thickness of from 2 to 10 mm, and

ii) a microcellular polyurethane elastomer layer bonded to at least one surface of said molding for allowing said molding to be supported relative to one of the transverse link, the longitudinal link, the triangular link, the rear-axle subframe, the stabilizer, the spring-strut support, and the shock-absorber.;

~~wherein said composite damping element is adapted to be received in one of a transverse link bearing, a rear axle subframe bearing, a stabilizer bearing, a longitudinal link bearing, a spring strut support bearing, a shock absorber bearing, and a bearing for triangular links.~~

20. (Previously Added) The composite element of Claim 19 wherein said elastomer has a density of from 300 to 700 kg/m³, a tensile strength to DIN 53571 of from 3 to 8 N/mm², an elongation at break to DIN 53571 of from 350 to 550%, a tear propagation resistance to DIN 53515 of from 8 to 30 N/mm, and a rebound resilience to DIN 53512 of from 50 to 60%.

Claim 21 (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Amended) The composite element of Claim 19 wherein said elastomer layer is bonded to an inner surface of said molding.

23. (Previously Amended) The composite element of Claim 19 wherein said elastomer layer is bonded to an outer surface of said molding.

24. (Previously Added) The composite element of Claim 19 wherein said bonding comprises chemical bonds between isocyanate groups in said thermoplastic polyurethane and isocyanate-reactive groups in said microcellular polyurethane elastomer.

Claims 25-28 (Cancelled).

29. (Previously Added) The composite element of Claim 1 wherein said bonding comprises chemical bonds between isocyanate groups in said thermoplastic polyurethane and isocyanate-reactive groups in said microcellular polyurethane elastomer.

Please add the following new claim:

30. (New) The composite element of Claim 1 wherein said (a) and (b) are present in a ratio of isocyanate groups in (a) to isocyanate reactive groups in (b) of greater than 1.06:1.